

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3299
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003
PARADEEP OIL REFINERY
TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by which Paradeep Oil Refinery has been scheduled to be completed and the initial and latest estimate;
- (b) the details of funding agencies and sponsoring company or institutions;
- (c) whether the Government or the sponsoring company are thinking to close down the work;
- (d) if so the reasons therefor;
- (e) if not, the current status and the time by which it is likely to be completed;
- (f) whether any change in the original plan and programme has been considered; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): The Paradip refinery was approved in July, 1998 with a completion schedule of 48 months from the date of issuance of Government approval of the project. At present, the schedule of completion of the project is being reviewed by the Board of Directors of Indian Oil Corporation.

(b): The Board of IOC have approved implementation of the project through a subsidiary of IOC.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e): Present status of the Paradip refinery project is as under:-

1. Basic design of process units of the refinery has been completed.
2. Acquisition of 3347 acre land completed.
3. Pre-project works like dredging & reclamation, building bridges across Santra creek and approach road from National Highway-5A completed.
4. Infrastructure works like railway over-bridge, boundary wall, roads & drainage, buildings like site office, canteen and gate complex are in progress.

(f)&(g): The Government had approved implementation of the project by IOC in joint venture with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC). In view of continuing uncertainties in respect of participation of KPC, the Board of IOC in January, 2000 approved implementation of the project through a subsidiary of IOC.